Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President.

On behalf of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), the largest multi-issue caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives with 175 members, we respectfully request the opportunity for a meeting to discuss the future of health care in our country.

We were disappointed to hear in your December 3, 2013, speech you believe, "the only alternative that Obamacare's critics have is, well, let's just go back to the status quo -- because they sure haven't presented an alternative." On the contrary, earlier this year the RSC introduced H.R. 3121, The American Health Care Reform Act, which acknowledges the flaws that existed in our health care system before the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and lays out patient-centered reforms to lower costs and increase access to health care through increased competition and transparency without the unworkable mandates in the current law.

The American Health Care Reform Act currently has 117 cosponsors – a number that grows every day. There are many commonsense ideas in this bill which share bipartisan support, such as safeguarding individuals with pre-existing conditions, allowing purchasers to shop for health insurance across state lines, and giving families tax fairness if they choose to purchase health insurance from someone other than their employer. Our legislation is anything but the status quo - it is a pragmatic, practical, and portable free-market alternative to the current health care system. Simply put, H.R. 3121 is a better way forward.

In addition to the American Health Care Reform Act, Members of the RSC have introduced more than 200 health care related bills this Congress. As a caucus, we are dedicated to improving access to health care for all Americans. We welcome the opportunity to share these ideas with you.

If our staff or we can be of any assistance in facilitating this meeting, please contact us at (202) 225-3015.

Sincerely,

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